

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: YANG *et al.* : Confirmation No.: 2495  
Application No.: 10/806,544 : Art Unit: 1771  
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For: LIQUID SORBENT MATERIAL : Attorney Docket No.: D0932-00403

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated May 5, 2006 ("Office Action"), the three months statutory period to respond to which is set to expire on August 5, 2006, the following amendment and remarks are submitted in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Amendment to the claims is provided in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. The remarks begin on page 5.

A petition to extend the time for filing this response by one month up to and including September 5, 2006 is also enclosed.